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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mark D. Riggins	Examiner: Aravind MOORTHY
Serial No.: 09/378,226	Art Unit: 2131
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Title: System and Method for Encrypting and Decrypting Files	

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: